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***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
ROANOKE REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING
AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING***

***OCTOBER 7, 2004
12:00 NOON***

***EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER
CONFERENCE ROOM
ROOM 159***

AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER.**
- B. ROLL CALL:** Council/Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority.
Mayor C. Nelson Harris and Council Member Alfred T. Dowe, Jr. were absent.
- C. WELCOME:** Vice-Mayor Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr.
- D. INVOCATION AND LUNCH.**

E. OPENING REMARKS:

Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr., Vice-Mayor
Ben J. Fink, Chair

F. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Overview of the Henry Street Program (TAP, Dumas, Higher Education Center and the Culinary Institute).

File #132-178-226-414-511

G. OTHER BUSINESS:

A communication from Vice-Mayor Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr., requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council, and to interview applicants for vacancies on the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority and the Architectural Review Board, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(1), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

Approved (5-0)
File #110-132

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS TO BE RECONVENED AT 2:00 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER.

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***ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION***

***OCTOBER 7, 2004
2:00 P.M.***

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order--Roll Call. (Mayor C. Nelson Harris and Council Member Alfred T. Dowe, Jr., were absent.)**

The Invocation was delivered by Council Member Sherman P. Lea.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Vice-Mayor Beverly T. Fitzpatrick, Jr.

Welcome. Vice-Mayor Fitzpatrick.

NOTICE:

Today's Council meeting will be replayed on Channel 3 on Thursday, October 7, 2004, at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, October 9, 2004, at 4:00 p.m. Council meetings are offered with closed captioning for the hearing impaired.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION. CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING A COPY OF ANY ITEM LISTED ON THE AGENDA MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, ROOM 456, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 215 CHURCH AVENUE, S. W., OR CALL 853-2541.

THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE PROVIDES THE MAJORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ON THE INTERNET FOR VIEWING AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. TO ACCESS AGENDA MATERIAL, GO TO THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT WWW.ROANOKEGOV.COM, CLICK ON THE ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL ICON, CLICK ON MEETINGS AND AGENDAS, AND DOWNLOAD THE ADOBE ACROBAT SOFTWARE TO ACCESS THE AGENDA.

ALL PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT WHO IS LOCATED AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH, HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.

ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 853-2541, OR ACCESS THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE AT WWW.ROANOKEGOV.COM, TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION.

2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

Proclamation declaring October 2004, as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

File #3-353

Proclamation declaring October 3 - 9, 2004, as Mental Illness Awareness Week.

File #3-22

Proclamation declaring October 3 – 9, 2004, as Fire Prevention Week.
File #3-70

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Approved (5-0)

ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY.

C-1 Qualification of the following persons:

William M. Hackworth, City Attorney; Jesse A. Hall, Director of Finance; Mary F. Parker, City Clerk; and Troy A. Harmon, Municipal Auditor, for two year terms of office, commencing October 1, 2004, and ending September 30, 2006;

Roger B. Holnback as a member of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, for a term ending March 31, 2007;

Edwin L. Noell as a member of the Board of Fire Appeals, for a term ending June 30, 2008;

Althea L. Pilkington as a member of the Roanoke Neighborhood Advocates, to fill the unexpired term of Joseph A. Schupp, resigned, ending June 30, 2006; and

Anita M. Powell as a Commissioner of the Roanoke Redevelopment and Housing Authority, for a term ending August 31, 2008.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and file.

Approved (5-0)

File #1-15-38-67-70-83-110-178-448

REGULAR AGENDA

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.

5. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS: NONE.

6. REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Execution of a Subgrant Agreement with the Blue Ridge Housing Development Corporation, Inc., to conduct 2004–2005 housing activities using CDBG and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds, in the amount of \$513,147.00.

Adopted Resolution No. 36867–100704. (5–0)
File #178–236

2. Authorization to continue services of the Eligibility Worker stationed at the Health Department; and appropriation of funds.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 36868–100704 and Resolution No. 36869–100704. (5–0)
File #22–60–72

3. Acceptance of certain grant funds from the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles, in the amount of \$20,000.00; and appropriation of funds.

Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 36870–100704 and Resolution No. 36871–100704. (5–0)
File #5–60–163–236

4. Confirmation of the City Manager's action declaring a local flood emergency commencing on September 28, 2004.

**Adopted Resolution No. 36872-100704. (5-0)
File #188-237**

- b. DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. Financial report for the month of August, 2004.

**Received and filed.
File #10**

7. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES: NONE.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.

**9. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES
AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. A resolution authorizing issuance of not to exceed \$1,300,000.00 General Obligation School Bonds of the City of Roanoke, Virginia, to finance capital improvements at Lincoln Terrace Elementary School. (Public hearing was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2004.)

**Adopted Resolution No. 36873-100704. (5-0)
File #53-467**

10. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Vice-Mayor and Members of City Council.

Council Member Wishneff advised that at the Council meeting on Monday, October 18, 2004, he will request a closed session to discuss the performance of certain City personnel in reference to recent comments regarding the flooding of Victory Stadium. He expressed concern with

regard to the condition of Victory Stadium and the field and the City's lack of progress to clean up the facility following the flooding event on September 28 so that the field could be ready for the Patrick Henry Homecoming football game on Friday, October 8.

File #122-132-237-467

Council Member Lea concurred in the statement of Mr. Wishneff and advised that a contingency plan is needed in the event that high school football games cannot be played at Victory Stadium due to the condition of the field.

He expressed concern that the City's efforts to clean up Victory Stadium are lagging behind those of another Roanoke Valley locality.

File #122-132-237-467

At the request of Council Member Cutler, the Acting City Manager reported on the condition of the field at Victory Stadium.

File #122-132-237-467

Vice-Mayor Fitzpatrick spoke with regard to flooding conditions throughout the City of Roanoke as a result of the September 28 flood event, with over 100 homes and 43 businesses having sustained flooding/flood damage, and continuing clean up efforts by the City.

File #132-237-184

- b. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

11. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:

CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. MATTERS REQUIRING REFERRAL TO THE CITY MANAGER WILL BE REFERRED IMMEDIATELY FOR RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL.

Mr. Chris Craft, 1501 East Gate Avenue, N. E., advised that a representative, age 30 or younger, should be appointed to the Stadium Study Committee. He stated that cleaning up Victory Stadium should be a priority of the City so that the Patrick Henry High School Homecoming football game can be played at the facility on Friday, October 8.

File #122-237-467

Ms. Lisa S. Updike, 2803 Woodlawn Avenue, S. W., advised that Victory Stadium should be maintained and supported by the City in the proper manner. She requested that Council facilitate positive and immediate movement with regard to cleaning up Victory Stadium so that the Patrick Henry Homecoming football game can be played at the facility on Friday, October 8.

File #122-237-467

Carol L. Brash, President, Patrick Henry High School Parent-Teacher Association, advised that at a meeting of the Roanoke Central Council PTA on October 6, a resolution was adopted urging the City to take the necessary action to clean up Victory Stadium.

File #122-237-467

Mr. Robert Gravely, 729 Loudon Avenue, N. W., spoke with regard to confusion as to which City department is responsible for cleaning up Victory Stadium. He expressed concern with regard to the overall lack of cleanliness of the City of Roanoke.

File #66-122

Ms. Helen E. Davis, 35 Patton Avenue, N. E., concurred in the remarks of Ms. Updike and Ms. Brash, and advised that Victory Stadium has been neglected by the City for some time. She stated that all citizens are concerned about the impact of the flood on Roanoke's citizens and businesses.

File #122-237-467

A motion was adopted by Council requesting that the City Attorney prepare the proper measure expressing appreciation to all City employees and citizens for their efforts to clean up the City as a result of the flood event on September 28.

File #83-132-184

12. ACTING CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: NONE.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION. (5-0)

The Acting City Manager advised that the Director of Civic Facilities reports that the Victory Stadium field can be marginally playable, with some wet spots, by Friday, October 8; however, in view of concerns regarding the general environment, i.e: fencing, crowd control, ticketing, etc., the Acting Superintendent of Schools and the Principal of Patrick Henry High School have made the decision to hold the Patrick Henry Homecoming football game at Heritage High School in Lynchburg, Virginia, on Friday, October 8, with the goal of playing football at Victory Stadium on Friday, October 15.

File #122-192-237-467

Gregory W. Staples was appointed as a member of the Personnel and Employment Practices Commission for a term ending June 30, 2007. (City residency requirement was waived.)

File #15-110-202

THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS DECLARED IN RECESS UNTIL WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2004, AT 12:00 NOON AT THE SALEM CIVIC CENTER, PARLOR C, 1001 BOULEVARD, SALEM, VIRGINIA, FOR THE REGIONAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVES TO DISCUSS KEY LEGISLATIVE ISSUES.